

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

BP AMERICA PRODUCTION
COMPANY, *et al.*

v.

NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO, LP,
et al.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 10-CV-01162
consolidated with NO. 09-CV-03360

**EX PARTE MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE REPLY IN SUPPORT
OF OPPOSED MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE FIRST AMENDED
COMPLAINT AND AMENDED PLAINTIFFS' ORIGINAL PETITION**

NOW COME plaintiffs, BP America Production Company ("BP America"), BP Exploration & Production Inc. ("BPX&P"), and American Home Assurance Company ("American Home"), and respectfully move the Court for leave to file the attached Reply in Support of Opposed Motion for Leave to File First Amended Complaint and Amended Plaintiffs' Original Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 22nd day of September, 2010, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court by using the CM/ECF system which will send a notice of electronic filing to all attorneys of record. I further certify that, on the same day, I mailed, faxed, or e-mailed the foregoing document and notice of electronic filing to all attorney(s) of record who are non-CM/ECF participants.

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